



# City of Loma Linda Official Report

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COUNCIL AGENDA: March 28, 2006  
TO: City Council  
FROM: Dennis R. Halloway, City Manager  
SUBJECT: Solar Energy Incentive Project

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council approve the waving all permit fees for the installation of solar energy systems.

It is further recommended that the City Council consider the following:

1. Establish a fund for rebates to citizens, businesses, and new construction for the installation of solar energy systems
2. Establish a fund for low interest loans for the installation of solar energy systems

## **BACKGROUND**

Solar energy systems continue to be pricy and out of the average citizen's budget. In an effort to ease the burden and encourage citizens and businesses to install solar energy systems it is staff's recommendation that the City Council consider implementing several programs

## **ANALYSIS**

The State of California is offering rebates for solar systems and with our program of waiving the fees and the rebates and/or loans it quite possibly will encourage those who are considering solar to take the step.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Reduces reliance on energy produced from other sources.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Permit fees for the average solar installation is approximately \$400. These fees could be absorbed by the city or could be rebated by the redevelopment agency. Both the rebate and the loan fund could be established with redevelopment agency monies.